

To whom it may concern:

Re: The center for story

I am excited about Orem's consideration of developing a center for story facility. Since our job as authors is to help create and spread story, we feel close to this project. We have spent a lot of time working with the Orem Library in getting kids excited about books and stories. We have presented programs, done readings, done workshops at the library and we believe that the plans as being considered will allow for even more positive, effective activities.

As a group of authors, if such a facility were to be built, we would be able to sponsor workshops, hold more writing groups, have more readings, have conferences, all of which are popular among residents of the area who are interested in writing, and in books, and with kids who love to hear stories and love to meet some of their favorite authors.

Some of the reasons we are particularly interested in the Orem Library facility--the location is great. It's a beautiful area, a beautiful library, it's easily accessible from anywhere, there is plenty of food available in the event of all day workshop. The space is the hardest thing to find when we are planning these types of events. A good affordable space where we could pay for use either through reasonable fees or through in kind service as in free workshops and readings and such would be very valuable and very positive.

I could see this facility becoming a center point for the Utah Writers of Literature for Young Readers because of the benefits that it would offer we would find it an ideal location for holding events that could in turn enrich the community in Orem, provide opportunities for the citizens of Orem to increase their creative skills, to experience literature from its source, and to just have fun with books.

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